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**PATENT**

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For: MATERIAL DEFECT EVALUATION APPARATUS USING POSITRON  
AND ITS EVALUATION METHOD

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

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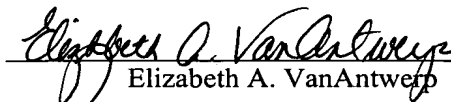
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